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"Thank you Chairman.

"And I want to thank the Secretary of State for her testimony and for her service to the country. It's good to see you back before the committee. I also want to thank you specifically for the efforts by the administration and your offices to further isolate Libya during a time of extraordinary tragedy in the streets, tragedy of which I think we are probably only partially aware.

"I want to continue to encourage and urge the administration to stand with those who are standing in that now bifurcated country; to use all needs at our disposal to provide support and certainly associate myself with Mr. Royce's comments about isolating radio communication, and would express appreciation for your efforts at Geneva and elsewhere to facilitate a coordinated international response including a no-fly zone. Qaddafi must go. And I'm grateful to hear the Secretary of State and the administration take that position unambiguously.

"I also want to thank you for mentioning President George W. Bush's PEPFAR initiative in your testimony. We haven't gotten quite as much praise about that in the last couple of years as I think is warranted, and your comments are most welcome.

"Let me take you back. In your testimony today, Madame Secretary, Page 5, you make reference to a 16 percent cut to State USAID as potentially 'devastating to our national security.' And I allow your opinion on that of course. Let me say, though, that I'm more associated with your statement on September 10, 2010. In which you were quoted as saying, 'Our rising debt levels...pose a...national security threat.' It was in remarks that you made to the Council on

Foreign Relations.

"A couple of facts, then I would love to get your response to them. You used the number 16 percent cut and I won't question your staff's arithmetic on that. We had a pretty long debate over the Continuing Resolution, but as we've broken it down, there were projects that were eliminated in the base text for your information include: \$300 million in contribution to the Clean Technology Fund; \$75 million being eliminated in the Strategic Climate Fund; \$55 million eliminated from the United Nations Population Fund - a fund that has been a source of great controversy; \$5.75 million eliminated from Cultural Preservation; Global Diversity Trust took a \$10 million hit. You'll forgive me Madame Secretary if I see none of those as devastating to our national security.

"Also in terms of the reductions, programs, even after you factor in the programs that were eliminated, and those that were reduced, as the chairman pointed out earlier, we're still a rather significant increase in spending to 2008 levels. And at a time when we're facing a \$1.65 trillion deficit, a deficit contributed to by leadership of both political parties, let me stipulate, we're facing a \$14 trillion national debt, which could well double over the next 10 years. I find myself more associating with your September comments before the Council on Foreign Relations, than with the assertion that with a 16 percent cut in a state in USAID budget has been greatly expanded in the last three years is in fact, to use your words, 'devastating for our national security.'

"I would raise that by way of asking for your response - where do we cut, where do we begin if we can't do without programs like the Clean Technology Fund, the Strategic Climate Fund, the Fund for Cultural Preservation, if we can't suffer a modest reduction that would still leave us above the 2008 levels.

"I welcome your response to where we do begin to put our fiscal house in order because I was one of the Members of this committee who helped to engineer a couple of times the passage of the PEPFAR program. Despite my cheerful conservative record, I believe that the compassion of the American people is expressed in the manner in which we come alongside of nations, particularly those in the two-thirds world, particularly of those at the point of the need.

"But we're in trouble here. This country is going broke, and we have to ask every department of this government, with the exception I would allow of people that are down-range in the field wearing the uniform and our veterans, I think we've got to look at every aspect of the

government and say, 'Where can we save?' Where is the right place to start in what remains of the time?"